

# **Social invitations and cards collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator - Compiler</b>	Blackledge, John W.
<b>Title</b>	Social invitations and cards collection
<b>Date</b>	1881-1923
<b>Extent</b>	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Social invitations and cards collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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John Wesley Blackledge (1863-1937), son of Dr. Thomas G. and Susan E. Blackledge, received many of the invitations included in this collection. Blackledge was born in Indiana. In 1930, he was living at the Seneca Hotel on East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois. When he donated this collection in March, 1936, Blackledge was living at 1320 North State Street in Chicago. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes invitations, calling cards, at home cards, and one dance card, many with the name John W. Blackledge, documenting aspects of social life and events in and around Indianapolis, Indiana, ranging from 1881 to 1923. The materials are diverse, comprising tickets to graduations, wedding announcements, and invitations to teas, dances, dinner parties, weddings, and anniversary parties, among other items. The collection in and around Indianapolis, Indiana.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

## Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from John W. Blackledge on 1936/03/14. Some of the materials were transferred from the Indiana State Library on 1932/10/22, and from the Archives on 1962/06/01.

## Accruals

No further additions are expected.

## Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/10/22 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid created 2015/10/22 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid revised 2015/10/29 by Brittany Kropf.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Columbia Club (Indianapolis, Ind.).
- Hadley & Roberts Academy (Indianapolis, Ind.).
- Indiana. Militia. Indianapolis Light Infantry Company.
- Indianapolis Seminary.
- Knights of Pythias.
- May Festival (Indianapolis, Ind.) Chorus.
- Propylaeum of Indianapolis.
- University Club of Indianapolis.
- Young Ladies' Guild of Christ Church (Indianapolis, Ind.).

### Genre(s)

- Tickets

## **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indiana--Social life and customs

## **Subject(s)**

- Afternoon teas
- Balls (Parties)
- Calling cards
- Commencement ceremonies
- Culture--Social aspects
- Dance parties
- Entertaining
- Indianapolis (Ind.)--Social life and customs
- Invitation cards
- Manners and customs
- Marriage
- Visiting cards
- Wedding anniversaries
- Weddings

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Invitations and cards, 1881-1886	1	1
Invitations and cards, 1887-1889	1	2
Invitations and cards, 1890-1891	1	3
Invitations and cards, 1892	1	4
Invitations and cards, 1893	1	5
Invitations and cards, 1894	1	6
Invitations and cards, 1895	1	7
Invitations and cards, 1896	1	8
Invitations and cards, 1897	1	9
Invitations and cards, 1898	1	10
Invitations and cards, 1899-1900	1	11
Invitations and cards, 1901	1	12

Invitations and cards, 1902-1923	1	13
Invitations and cards, undated	1	14